



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 24: Week Commencing Monday 24 March 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Dene Magna Production - Frozen

We are excited to share the buzz surrounding next year's performance! The enthusiasm from the students is palpable, especially as they approach Mr Wynn with questions about the audition process and selecting songs to perform. It's always wonderful to see this level of excitement and passion. A special mention goes to the three boys who are eager to take on the roles of trolls — they certainly were a highlight of my week!



Year 11 Boys v Staff Basketball for Red Nose Day

Last Friday, the staff took on the Year 11 boys in a basketball game. The students showed great determination and played hard, but unfortunately, they were outnumbered by the staff, who had the advantage of extra substitutes. When Mr Griffiths started feeling the pressure, he was able to rely on some fresher legs to help secure the staff's victory. Well done to the staff on their win!



Dance To Learn

For the past six weeks, students have been participating in an after-school dance class. This culminated in them leading students from various primary schools at a special event held at our school on Wednesday. It was heart-warming to see our students take on a leadership role and engage with the younger ones, while parents of the primary school students were able to visit and witness this incredible collaboration.



Year 9 Technology

In Design and Technology, students have been exploring the fascinating world of jewellery-making during their rotation. They've learned about the various working properties of metals and applied this knowledge to create beautiful pieces such as bracelets, rings, and pendants. The creativity and attention to detail on display were truly impressive. We are proud of the students' accomplishments and wanted to share two photos showcasing some of their stunning creations.



Year 7 Active Reading Group

Last Friday we had Mrs Marden-Harris from B&W Equine Vets - Willesley in to give a talk on treating a wounded animal to our Year 7 Active Reading Group. As part of the programme run by our librarian Miss Jones and Literacy Lead Mr Marden, we have been reading 'Swan Song' by Gill Lewis whereby a boy and his grandad find and rehabilitate a swan back to the wild (and learn a lot about themselves along the way). To help bring the book to life, we arrange activities that related to the book to the real world. In the book, our swan has fishing line wrapped around its neck, impeding its ability to swallow and feed. Mrs Marden-Harris presented a thoroughly engaging walkthrough of the treatment

of a wounded horse who, similarly, had swallowed a large bramble stick and the procedure and aftercare involved in nursing it back to full health. Students were interested and engaged, asking some great questions and relating tales of their own horses and pets. There's certainly a future for some of them in veterinary nursing!



Year 11 Information:

Hoodies - 2025 LEAVERS HOODIES: £22.50 each, sizes XS to 3XL

A letter has been sent home with details on how to order these, with a deadline of 3rd April!

Easter Revision Sessions – Information regarding these sessions has been emailed home.

Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening

Thank you to all those parent's that attended, the evening was extremely busy, and for completing the feedback form which was muchly appreciated. We would like to share with you some responses:

"It has been a difficult time for our daughter over the past couple of months which has impacted her mental health and ability to focus in school. I'm grateful for the staff who have shown her extra kindness and support during this time".

"Thank you for your pastoral care, support and understanding."

FOD Fringe Event 2025

Inclusive Roller Skating Session with DJ Dig B, this Friday (28th March) in the Dene Magna sports hall from 6-8pm! Bring your fluros, glitter and your skating clobber - expect a mash up of drum n bass, reggae, dub, rocksteady and more. This is a FREE event. Bring your own roller skates or borrow some - reserve when booking! Please note: Participants skate at their own risk. This event is aimed at adults but children and young people are welcome to attend with an adult. Please go to the following webpage: <https://zurl.co/5Tnam>



We are looking for a Table Tennis Coach

The school has been very fortunate to have the services of a few Table Tennis coaches over the past 8 or so years. These coaches have run after-school clubs for hundreds of students across this time. Our most recent coach will be retiring at the end of this academic year so we are keen to speak with any former players or coaches who would like to continue the good work that has been built up over the years. Please get in touch with Mr Griffiths, Head of PE, if this opportunity appeals to you: p.griffiths@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

- 31.03.25 - U14 Girls Football @ Five Acres - District 11 a-side
- 01.04.25 - Year 5 SEN Open Morning
- 01.04.25 - Y7 & 8 Girls Netball v Newent (away)
- 01.04.25 - 10th Instalment for the Okinawa Visit
- 02.04.25 - Year 9 DRP/MenACWY Vaccination
- 02.04.25 - Y9, 10 & 11 Girls Rugby @ Churchdown
- 03.04.25 - Year 7 – 13 Reports Published to the “My Child at School” app
- 03.04.25 - Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening @ 6th Form College
- 03.04.25 - GCSE Drama Component 3 Performance Exam
- 04.04.25 - End of Term
- 08.04.25 - 6th Instalment for Year 8 London Trip
- 22.04.25 - Start of New Term